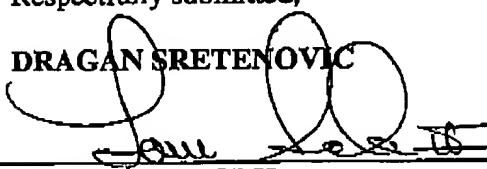


improper. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of claims 1-12.

Conclusion

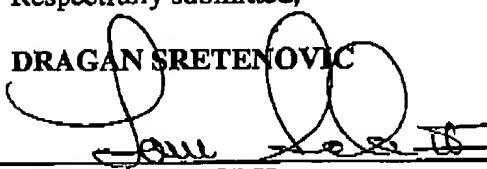
Insofar as the Examiner's objections and rejections have been fully addressed, the instant application, including claims 1-12, is in condition for allowance and Notice of Allowability of claims 1-12 is therefore earnestly solicited.

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